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Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION --

Page 12, lines 3-5 delete "the CA signs the requesting entity's public key with a CA's private ky and places the signed public key within the digital certificate" and insert therefor -- the CA puts the requesting entity's public key into a certificate and signs the certificate with the CA's private key--.

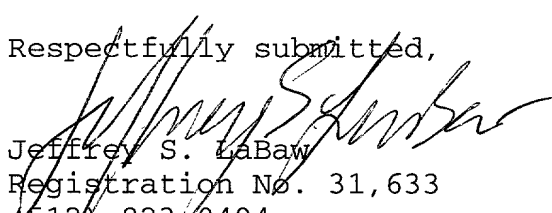
Page 13, lines 19-20 delete "digital certificate 216 containing signed user public key 216 that was signed with CA private key 214" and insert therefor --digital certificate 216 containing user public key 218 and the certificate is signed with CA private key 214--.

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Page 17, lines 2-3 delete "For example, one application may need a simple CA that is able to issue certificates and manage the life cycle of these certificates-- and insert therefor --For example, one application may need a simple CA that is able to issue certificates and manage the life cycle of the certificates including revocation of certificates and generating certificate revocation lists--.

Page 20, lines 2-7 delete "This LDAP publisher bean 370 publishes any specific parameters associated with such a request to an LDAP directory structure 373. Again, this may take place as the request winds its way through the PKI request system 300 an initial time. Or the publishing of the request in the LDAP directory 373 may take place in the return path of the request after reaching the terminus bean" and insert therefor--This LDAP publisher bean 370 publishes certificates or certificate revocation lists. These certificates or certificate revocation lists are obtained in the return path of the requests after reaching the terminus bean--.

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